

Mrs. A. Lambert, Mrs. Jennings, and Mrs. Camoyon; Mrs. Wright and Miss Grimlo; Mrs. Munson, Mrs. Bird, and Mrs. Poenckecker; Mrs. Morant, Miss Morant, and Mrs. Davis; Mrs. Hazeland and Mrs. Poocook; the Misses Linstad and Mrs. Chalmers; Mrs. Cohen, Mrs. Noble, and Miss Holworthy; Mrs. Forbet, Mrs. McE...

Mrs. Lyall, and Miss Herbert. The general enjoyment was much enhanced by the excellent

performance by the Band of H.M.S. *Azadusa* of a brass instrument ensemble. The sacred reading was from the 31st of October.

A meeting of the sasholders of Union Church was held on the 27th October, for the election of a committee in place of the one elected at the meeting of the 18th September last, which has remained the same for the last two years. The matters in connection with the church. Mr. J. Magreger was voted to the chair. The circumstances which led to the calling of the meeting were explained by the Rev. J. O. Cresswell. He signed the pastoralite, it was decided, owing to the want of funds, not to engage another pastor at the time, but the committee were requested to arrange for the holding of services from time to time, which might be for some time. The Rev. remained elected for one or two Sundays, after which the Rev. Dr. Eitel offered his gratuitous services to fill the pulpit, which were accepted, and since then divine worship has been regularly held. Mr. Cresswell was asked to disavow the expenses connected with the church for a stated time on certain conditions, and this offer also was accepted. In April last the church was issued a notice that the seats were to be abolished and that the church would henceforth be conducted on the voluntary system, but that persons desirous of retaining the right of voting could do so by paying 3s. annual. The Trustees of the church, however, to combat last the regular annual meeting of the sasholders was held, at which the question of engaging the services of a permanent pastor was brought forward, and the Rev. Dr. Eitel's offer was negatived. At this meeting a number of persons voted who had, as they supposed, qualified themselves under the conditions set out in the circular issued in April. Certain sasholders who took objection to the proposed arrangement, however, referred the matter to the trustees, and a reference to the trust deed showed that the qualification necessary to entitle a person to vote was that he should have been a member of the church for at least six months. The amount of the subscription is not stated in the deed. Votes given by minors were also ruled to be illegal. The trustees declined to call a general meeting of the sasholders to consider the matter, as it was not within their province to do so, but they pointed out that it was open to any five sasholders to call such a meeting. This course was accordingly adopted, and a meeting was held in the meeting hall on the 27th October. A series of resolutions had been prepared, which were all carried *nem. con.*, the advocates of the voluntary system and those of the sasholders were equally satisfied, and no changed views or came to an understanding. These resolutions were to the effect that seatrents should be collected as they had been up to 1884, the amount being fixed at \$10 per annum payable by the property, with the proviso that the trustees should have the power to reduce the amount to \$5 in certain cases; and that consideration of the question of the engagement of a regular pastor should be postponed until the next meeting of the sasholders. Under the circular issued in April should have had an opportunity of duly qualifying themselves to vote as sasholders should they so desire. The following gentlemen

gether with the elders of the church, in place of the one elected on the 16th September:—Moasra.

Mr. Murray Bain, D. R. Crawford, Rev. E. Fisher, A. Falconer, D. Gillies, J. Goodman, W. H. G. Gray, J. Sharp, J. S. Smith, and Mr. J. M. Storr; Mr. Crawford to act as Treasurer, and Mr. Sharp as Secretary.

The Captain-Superintendent of Police, Mr. W. M. Deane, received information on the 27th October of further arrests having been made of men in connection with the Greyhound case, and he proceeded. The information was to the effect that the Chinese authorities had seized two pirate junks, captured six men, and had recovered a quantity of property which the Greyhound pirates had taken from their victims. The prisoners and the property have been taken to the coast at Hong Kong. Details connected with the matter are not well known here at present, but so far as we have been able to gather they are to this effect:

A few days ago the crews of those two junks were taken to their respective places of detention at Hong Shan District, not far from Massau for the purposes of breasting them, burning the marine growths and parasites from their bottoms, and otherwise cleaning them. While doing this

and without waiting to see whether the
cruiser was in pursuit of them, they at once

ran for it, and six of them were captured. They left everything they had on board the boat, and a very considerable quantity of property which had been pirated from the *Greyhound* was seized by the Chinese officer in charge of that district. It is said that on these men being taken to Canton, and the Governor, the well-known "pernicious" powers commonly used by the authorities there, they were induced to make confessions of their complicity in the *Greyhound* case, and to give the whole history of the affair, and the names and addresses of the accomplices of their associates, and to have even stated who were the men who killed Captain Sykes and buried his body overboard in connection with this case it is to be hoped that the Government are able to say that as soon as the Viceroy of Canton and the Mandarin in command of the districts shutting upon the adjacent coast have received information of the capture of the authorities in this daring outrage, they at once took such measures as were in their power to effect the arrest of the pirates. They even arrested

It is not likely that our courts of justice will

deal with these six men captured by the Chinese; and it is probable that the authorities at Canton will dispose of them in the same way as they do others of their kind who may fall into their clutches. The chances are that after the disclosures obtained from these six men there will be no arrests made. The Chinese method of dealing with such offences is usually a very summary one, and the probability is that the man arrested will never be engaged in another piracy; capital punishment without a long trial or undue tortures. As for the second it is what most likely awaits them. As to the four men who are now in custody in Macao in connection with the same matter, it is thought probably they will be handed over to the authorities of this colony, and being Chinese subjects can being charged with an offence upon board a British ship. Possibly, however, the question of capital punishment, as the case is one of murder, may prevent this, the Portuguese Government having abolished that penalty in their country. The second mate of the *Greyhound*, Mr. Jacobson, whose case was almost despaired of at first, continues to do much better than was expected; he is still in the Government Civil Hospital, but his case is now looked upon as a hopeful one, and the number of his wounds. The Chinese fireman, who was not badly wounded, was soon discharged from the Hospital; and the chief engineer, whose case was never considered precarious has also nearly recovered in that institution.

Early on the morning of the 24th inst. a fire broke out in a Buddhist Nunnery in the Seven-

tenth Ward of the Western Suburb, and raged so fiercely that the whole building was soon enveloped in flames. The inmates were fortunately rescued in good time, and the building was completely destroyed. On the following morning a fire broke out in the kitchen of the Yee, when the building was burned to the ground, but the fire was prevented from spreading, and no fatalities attended it.

On Tuesday, the 27th inst, the Authorities here, in consequence of the reports made by them, despatched the three cruisers, *Peng Chai-hai*, *Chen Tung*, and *Keeng Yai* to Lintao island, to attack a number of salt smuggling junks, numbered from 1 to 10, which were reported to have gathered there. This information was brought on, by the gunboat *Chop Tung*, which was on duty at the anchorage. On the 28th inst, several smuggling junks together with their crews and some property thought to belong to passengers by the steamer *Greyhound* at the time of her recent capture, were carried there by the gunboat *Chop Tung* to the anchorage at Canton. These men were taken to the police for further investigation, and information of their capture has been sent to the Hongkong Authorities, who they claim are the owners of the *Greyhound* pirates they will receive summary justice.

The General who holds command of the fleet of war junks which has been employed on the coast of the home waters, has been ordered

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